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SUBJECT: REPORTED CANADIAN CURB ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA

REF: BOMBAY 1243 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW REPORTS IN THE PRESS HERE
RECENTLY ABOUT A CANADIAN DECISION TO CURB NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH
INDIA BECAUSE INDIA IS NOT A PARTY TO THE NPT. WE PASS THESE ALONG
ON THE CHANCE THAT THE SUBJECT WAS NOT REPORTED THE SAME WAY IN THE
CANADIAN PRESS. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION OF THESE REPORTS. END SUMMARY
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1. IN AN ARTICLE ON MRS. GANDHI'S VISIT TO CANADA, THE " ECONOMIC
TIMES" REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP SAID WHILE PRESIDING OVER A

JUNE 19 MEETING OF OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN INDO- CANADIAN TRADE THAT
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HIS COUNTRY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SELL CERTAIN COMPONENTS FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS IN INDIA BECAUSE INDIA HAD NOT INITIALED THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE " EXPRESS", SHARP SAID CANADA WOULD BE UNABLE TO COOPERATE ON THE OLD BASIS IN INDIAN NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS UNTIL INDIA

ACCEDED TO THE NPT AND ACCEPTED IAEA SUPERVISION OF NUCLEAR PLANTS.

3. IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE, THE " EXPRESS" REPORTED FROM OTTAWA THAT J. L

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GRAY, PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN AEC, AND S. L. KATI OF THE INDIAN ATOMIC

ENERGY DEPT. HAD TOLD THE CANADIAN PAPER " GLOBE AND MAIL" THAT INDIA HAD HOPED TO CONTINUE BUYING EQUIPMENT AND MAYBE HEAVY WATER (FROM CANADA) FOR PLANNED POWER STATIONS. THE " GLOBE AND MAIL" APPARENTLY ADDED THAT INDIA " MAY NOW HAVE TO DEVELOP IT ALL BY ITSELF OR BUY

FROM COUNTRIES LIKE FRANCE WHICH WILL SELL TO IT DESPITE THE TREATY".

4. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PRESS COMMENT HERE SO FAR ON THESE REPORTS.

THE " EXPRESS" OBSERVED IN ONE OF THE ARTICLES MENTIONED ABOVE THAT APART

FROM THE TARAPUR PLANT INDIA' S EXISTING ATOMIC PLANTS ARE INDEPENDENT OF

FURTHER CANADIAN ASSISTANCE IN RESPECT TO DESIGN AND FUEL; HOWEVER, INDIA

WOULD SUFFER FROM CANADIAN NON- COOPERATION IF IT WISHES TO UPDATE HER NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY OR STEP UP POWER GENERATION BY INSTALLING REACTORS OF

MORE THAN 200 M. W.

5. AN EDITORIAL IN " MOTHERLAND" COMMENTED THAT APART FROM TARAPUR, INDIA' S ENTIRE NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION PROGRAM IS MODELED ON CANADA' S

DOUGLAS POINT REACTOR. THE PROPOSED NUCLEAR REACTOR AT NARORA, NEAR DELHI, WAS ALSO TO BE BASED ON CANADIAN DESIGN " BUT THE PROPOSAL MAY NOW HAVE TO BE ABANDONED FOLLOWING THE CANADIAN MOVE.

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